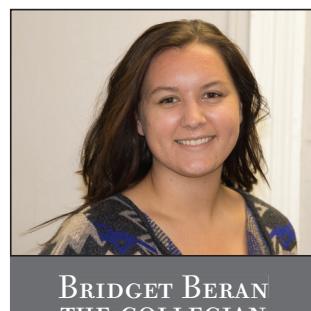


Aggieville patrons can enjoy fun foodie favorites from dusk to dawn



cha, jointly run by the same management team, do it in a way that works. Unique to Aggieville, the onion-cream cheese base is mixed with a black bean and raspberry salsa, and topped with pepper jack cheese.

Stir it all together before dipping your tortilla chips in and your taste buds will thank you.

6 p.m. AJ's NY Pizzeria has several specialty pizzas, and you really can't go wrong with any of them. However, the Pizza Bianco or "White Pie" is really something special. Topped with AJ's specialty seasoned ricotta cheese, mozzarella and parmesan, this pizza is a cheese lover's paradise. However, it's the garlic basil olive oil sauce that brings it together.

2 a.m. For the late-nighter, the Varsity food truck is a must. Tucked back in an alley behind Porter's and Johnny Kawa's, the truck's best cure for a long night is a mac and cheese grilled cheese.

You can get it with or without bacon, but that's just a silly question. Bacon makes everything better. Whether you've had a late night out in Aggieville or just need a late-night snack, the mac and cheese grilled cheese combines two of the best comfort foods into one delicious treat.

3 p.m. If you're an early riser, Bluestem Bistro is always a good stop for coffee and baked goods. But it's what the bistro does after dark that

Chipotle raspberry bean dip may not initially seem like the best snack, but So Long Saloon and Taco Lu-



EMILY McMILLAN | THE COLLEGIAN
Emily McMillan, junior in communications, uses her laptop while sipping coffee. Bluestem Bistro is a popular bakery in Aggieville for students to visit.



ADAM HERBERT | THE COLLEGIAN
Adam Herbert, graduate student in communication studies, grabs dinner while studying for classes. Fuzzy's Tacos offers a huge menu sure to fill any appetite.



RENEE DICK | THE COLLEGIAN
Home to the famous chipotle raspberry bean dip, So Long Saloon offers an unique twist on the classic chips and dip. Located in Aggieville, this burger and bar joint has many tasty options.



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Aggieville experiencing growth in late-night food variety, locations



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Even though it has only been open for about two years, the Varsity Truck in Aggieville has become a late night food staple, and its mac 'n' cheese grilled cheese is especially popular.

BY JAMIE TEIXEIRA
THE COLLEGIAN

Aggieville is quickly turning into a late-night food hotspot for the Manhattan community. Though the bars stayed open late, choices for good food were extremely limited up to just a few years ago.

Locally-owned restaurants in Aggieville like CoCo Bolos, AJ's Pizza, the Varsity Truck and Bluestem Bistro are changing this by offering the Manhattan community more and increasingly better options to cure late-night cravings.

CoCo Bolos serves food until midnight Tuesday through Saturday. The restaurant launched its shorter, late-night menu just two years ago. The menu offers much of the same food as the day version, with the exception of steaks and other wood-fire grill items.

"(The grill) is a safety issue, we can't leave a hot fire unattended," Mark Desmet, general manager at CoCo Bolos, said. "When we close the building ... the embers are just dying out. We don't want to put the fire out with water or some other chemical because a lot of the flavor that you get is from the grill developing over the years."

CoCo Bolos appeals to customers with lots of late-night activities to accompany the food. Events such as concert films and chess nights happen weekly.

Since Varsity Donuts opened its food truck in 2012, it has become a must-have Thursday to Saturday. It started out as an outdoor room to make donuts, but quickly turned into a Aggieville staple.

"We have always cooked our donuts out of a food truck in the back parking lot," Leah Hyman, co-owner of Varsity Donuts, said. "Finally, about two years ago now, we cut a window on the side of the truck and swung it open."

The Varsity Truck introduced the grilled cheese mac and

cheese as a savory companion to the donuts and corn dogs.

"Grilled cheese is a mashup of two amazing comfort foods that everyone loves," Hyman said. "It's low-tech, but also just delicious and seems like a natural fit."

Hyman said Varsity started the late-night menu to keep the history and tradition of Manhattan's love for late-night donuts alive.

"Manhattan has this really rich tradition of late-night donuts, going back a few decades (when) there was a shop called Vern's and Swaney's; they were two shops that were open late at night and people would go back there at the end of their evening and get hot donuts," Hyman said.

"There are a lot of Manhattan residents, older residents who have really fond memories of that and we want to keep the tradition alive."

The newest addition to late-night food scene in Aggieville is the Bluestem Bistro window. Bluestem Bistro launched its late-night window in the spring of 2014. People can stop by for food on the way down the main strip any time between 10 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.

"The owner's wife had the idea for the window," Annie Spence, manager at Bluestem Bistro, said. "They kind of wanted it to be a music kind of window, we play like hip-hop and stuff sometimes out the window."

With a selection that ranges from Philly Cheesesteak tacos to Nutella waffles on a stick, the Bluestem window manages to combine diverse food choices with the lively atmosphere.

"We serve tacos, hoagies and waffle lollies," Spence said. "Sweet and savory, you can mix and match however you like."

The bistro's staff said they don't feel like the window is competing with other late night foods, like the Varsity Truck, but rather adds to the food culture.

"There's a strong sense of community and fun that comes with being able to be on the

streets of Aggieville when it's dark, and being able to walk up to (a place) you know and order something you wouldn't normally have ... to treat yourself and sit down with friends on the patio," Spence said. "The patio at night, with the lights and sounds of Aggieville, gives Manhattan's Aggieville an otherworldly feeling."

New food selections are not

the only thing Bluestem Bistro

is adding to Aggieville.

Its window

blasts

music

and on

Saturday

nights, Spence entertains the

crowd with juggling or fire eat-

ing.

"Every now and again, I will

go out and juggle and do street

performances," Spence said.

"We want it to be a bright spot in

Aggieville at night, and an enter-

tainment area that is kinda fun."

Kite's Grille and Bar staff

acknowledged the appeal that

the late-night food scene in Ag-

gieville.

"We already have those cus-

tomers captured," Alex Smith,

manager at Kite's, said.

"They are already here,

and serving

food to them could be something

easy to do."

The idea might seem easy,

but has proven itself challenging

for big bars like Kite's.

"We've done a few things,

but it's hard to keep track of

some people that aren't always

in the solid state of mind," Smith

said.

According to Smith, the

likelihood of Kite's entering the

competition is slim.

"There's a solid competi-

tion in late-night food," Smith

said. "They are already doing

it and they are good at it, and we're

pretty busy with everything else

we're doing (at night)."

Hyman said she doesn't look

at other late-night food as com-

petition, but as partners striving

towards a common goal.

"I say the more the merrier,"

Hyman said. "Everything adds

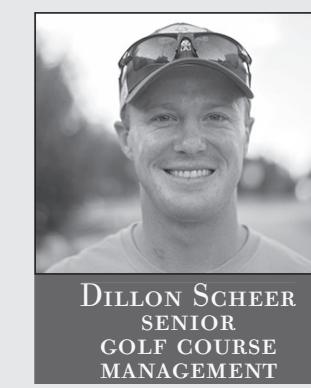
to Aggieville's late-night scene

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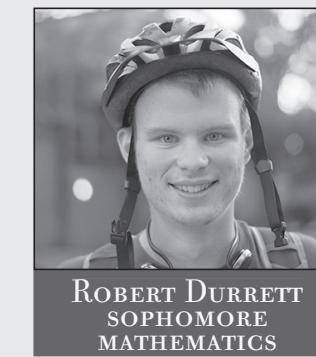
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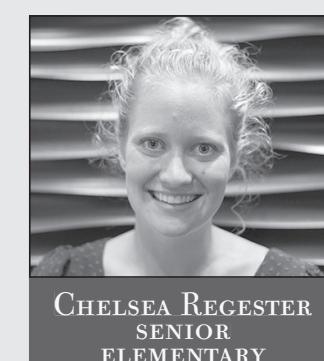
"The 2014 Golf Course Maintenance pub crawl...because I (was) with all my golf course friends."

"The band show and tell last year in Aggierville...it's where the marching band goes into Aggierville at the end of band camp and does a short performance."



What is your favorite Aggierville memory? "

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CHELSEA REGESTER
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"Last year I participated in the homecoming parade with the water ski team and we towed our boat behind a truck and hooked up ropes to it and held onto the handles and fake waterskiing on long boards. As we were making the turn in front of Varney's, where the most people were, one of the guys on the team went out of control and hit me and we fell off our longboards and we were scrambling to catch up with the boat. It was a little embarrassing, but a fun memory."

"I was walking down Aggierville and a drunk guy came up to me and kissed me on the cheek and told me I was beautiful...it was around midnight on a Saturday after we won the game."



JULIA GEORGE
SOPHOMORE
ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION

"My favorite memory was walking around Aggierville at night during Fake Patty's Day, when I went to go to Varsity Donuts, and seeing the roads blocked off and everyone in the street wearing their custom shirt that they all got at Threads."



KENZIE SCHONEMAN
JUNIOR
ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION

"I think going to Fuzzy's at 2 a.m. with your friends and seeing the different, interesting people that go to K-State."

Bartender recommendations, must try drinks for night in Aggierville



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Can't-miss drinks at Mojo's Beach Bar in Aggierville include, in the front from left to right, the Sharknado, Grenade and Cantelope Bay, and in the back, Bananarama and Blue Hawaiian.

BY KARYN ELLIOT
THE COLLEGIAN

When it comes to drinks they think their patrons will enjoy. Here's a few recommendations from bartenders around Aggierville:

Though we're only three weeks into the semester, students are already beginning to search for ways to unwind. Some decide to workout, others choose to sleep and others visit Aggierville.

On a typical weekend, it seems to be barely contained chaos in Aggierville. People are everywhere; they're catching up with friends while letting their homework pile up to Sunday because they just need a strong – yet cheap – drink.

Bartenders prove to be valuable resources for students, as they have great taste

when it comes to drinks they think their patrons will enjoy. Here's a few recommendations from bartenders around Aggierville:

Mojo's Beach Bar, located on eastern edge of Aggierville, offers its patrons several deals in the form of a membership to the "Yacht Club." The club gives special pricing on shots, certain beers and drinks for just \$4 annually.

Paul Danler, co-owner of Mojo's, said most people like their colorfully-named tropical drinks, such as the Bananarama and the Sharknado, which consists of a shot out of a plastic shark. Danler said his favorite drink to make and consume off the large chalkboard menu is the Can-

taloop Bay, which is V8 and Grey Goose Le Melon Vodka, though he said personally prefers to drink gin.

On the opposite side of Aggierville, Eighteen63's Taylor McKinley, senior in marketing, said she prefers Firefly Sweet Tea Vodka and water when she's drinking.

"It literally tastes just like sweet tea, it's kind of dangerous," McKinley said.

However, Eighteen63 is known for its flaming LAX Bombs. Eighteen63 uses its own secret mix.

"I can't tell you what's in the mix, but I can tell you that it's (Bacardi) 151 that lights on fire," McKinley said.

Michael Mezzacappa, senior in social sciences and bartender at Tubby's, said all

he needs to have a good time when he goes out is a good Bud Light. Despite his choice in drink, Mezzacappa said he recommends more aggressive drinks for his customers.

"AMFs and Tornados are our signature drinks," Mezzacappa said.

AMFs are made with a myriad of alcohol, including vodka, rum, tequila and Blue Curacao liqueur. The Curacao is what gives the AMF its bright blue color.

"Any bright colored drink seems to be a hit with customers," Mezzacappa said. "But if someone wants something fun, let's get some tequila shots going."

Kite's Bar and Grill is known for its \$2.50 pounds, according to bartender

and Manhattan resident Andrew Nusall. The pounds, which are the 16 oz beer cans Kite's offers, are Bud Light and Shock Top products. Nusall said he prefers Long Island Ice Teas when he goes out. Just like when college students visit Tubby's, AMFs are popular at Kite's also.

There is no recognizable difference between the drinks at both bars.

"When I was in college, I just always got what was on special because it was cheaper," Lacy Struckmeyer, manager of Aggie Station, said. "But now that I'm older, I just get whatever I want."

If you are going to Aggie Station, Struckmeyer recommends the Moscow Mule which contains top shelf

vodka, lime juice and ginger beer.

"It's just really refreshing," Struckmeyer said.

She also shared that her bartenders are really original and tend to recommend their favorites.

"People like to make the things better when people ask them about their favorites," Struckmeyer said.

These are just a few of the bars in Aggierville, but already the point has been proven that Aggierville bartenders are the people to talk to if you want to unwind from the stresses of being a college student. So go visit your favorite bar and ask your bartender what they recommend and see where the night goes from there.

Tips, information local police officers wish students would know

BY SOM KANDLUR
THE COLLEGIAN

Aggierville is a melting pot for all kinds of people and when alcohol is involved, there's always potential for volatile situations. The police officers of the Riley County Police Department in Aggierville are tasked with the job of dealing with these situations. Here are a couple of tips you can use to make your interactions with the police in Aggierville a lot easier.

Have an ICE
Officer Mat Droege, public information officer for the Riley County Police Department, more commonly known as #twittercop, said when it

comes to Aggierville, a significant amount of officer time is spent helping severely intoxicated people find their friends to come pick them up and ensuring their safety.

"We met a really drunk girl at 12th and Moro and we asked her where she lived and she gave us an address so we figured that was where she lived so we gave her a ride home," Droege said. "We get to the house and they've never heard of this girl before. She does not live there and just randomly gave us that address. Obviously we did not let her in the house because it's not her house, so we spent probably the next 20-30 minutes trying to figure out where she lived and all the while she had a full conversation on her car

two biggest things to remember are to stay calm and focus on the details and descriptions.

"Just think about being as descriptive as you can," Tyler Sieffkes, dispatch shift supervisor at the Riley County Police Department, said. "If there's a crime that has occurred, details like description of people or vehicles that were involved and if you know directions, last direction of travel is a big thing too. Any kind of details are helpful to us so we can get it out to the officers quickly."

Sieffkes also said the first thing anyone calling is going to be asked is their location so having an address, intersection or any directions to the locations are important.

During emergencies the police officers are human too

The most important thing police officers want students to remember is that much like students, they are human and the things that upset students are the same things that upset the police.

"Believe it or not, and this is something I can tell everybody, 'Even though we wear a badge and gun, we're people, man,'" Officer Steve Fritzson of the Riley County Police department, said. "Treat us like you would like your mom or dad to be treated. It's pretty much the golden rule."

Officer Fritzson said what students don't realize is that the police's job is to enforce the law rather than

make it. Officer Droege said believing the police is out to get students and therefore behaving in an uncooperative manner does more harm to the situation than good because more often than not, the police are on the students' side.

"Students at K-State more often tend to be the victim rather than the suspect," Officer Droege said. "Most of our interactions with students, we're legitimately not trying to get them into trouble at all, we're trying to help them."

Dealing with police officers doesn't have to be difficult or cumbersome, being mindful of some easy but vital tips can make your relations with police officers in Aggierville a lot easier.

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